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COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER		DATE	October 15, 2008
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER		DOCKET NO.	2008-190-S
UTILITIES MATTER	~	ORDER NO.	

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2008-190-S - <u>Application of Alpine Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges for the Provision of Sewer Service and Establishment of Additional Rates and Charges - A Hearing was Held on this Matter on September 25, 2008. Discuss this Matter with the Commission.</u>

COMMISSION ACTION:

On May 7, 2008, Alpine Utilities, Inc. filed an application for a rate increase. Subsequently, on September 18, 2008, Alpine, ORS, and Intervenor Happy Rabbit, L.P. filed an Explanatory Brief and Joint Motion Requesting a Settlement Hearing and Adoption of the Settlement Agreement pursuant to this Commission's Settlement Policies and Procedures. A hearing on this matter was conducted in the Commission's hearing room on September 25, 2008. The Settlement Agreement stipulates a residential service rate of \$16.75, with corresponding increases in commercial rates which vary. This rate results in an operating margin of 22.42% which is less than the currently approved operating margin of 25.96%. Additionally, the Settlement Agreement includes a reduction of the Company's per book operating expenses of \$213,102. The rates proposed under the Settlement, as adjusted, result in an increase in annual revenues of \$329,224 for total sewer service revenues of \$1,655,185. Based on the Application, the direct and settlement testimony, and exhibits received into evidence at the hearing and the entire record of these proceedings, these rates appear to be just, reasonable, and in the public interest. Therefore, I move that the Commission grant the Motion and approve the Settlement Agreement.

PRESIDING:	<u>Fleming</u>			SESSION:	<u>Regular</u>
				TIME:	2:30 p.m.
	MOTION	YES	NO OTHER		
CLYBURN		~			
FLEMING		~			
HAMILTON		~			
HOWARD		~			
MITCHELL		~			
WHITFIELD	~	~			
WRIGHT			Abstaining	On Commission Business in V the Day of the Hearing	Vashington, DC

RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding